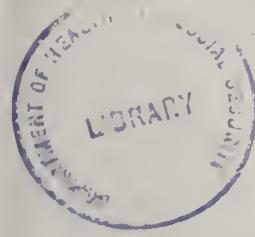


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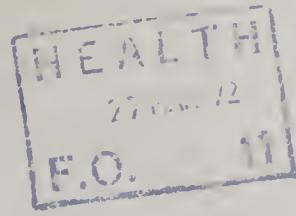
ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1971



Port Medical Officer of Health: Dr. A.C. Gee

Chief Port Health Inspector: H. Cormack

Deputy Port Health Inspector: F.G.S. Hill



CHARACTER OF PORT

The outer harbour consists of the Waveney Dock, Hamilton Dock, and Trawl Dock and the inner harbour is formed by Lake Lothing from the Bridge to Mutford Lock.

The outer harbour is used for the landing of white fish and herrings and for the fuelling and icing of the fishing fleet. The inner harbour is used for ship building, repairs and servicing of shipping and general commercial use.

During the year a permanent security check on a 24 hour basis was maintained by the British Transport Police Force. A new fuel oil discharging berth in Hamilton Dock North became operational and in Hamilton Dock South fuelling points enabled direct discharge to be made to trawlers. One new fish processing hall was under construction.

MEDICAL SERVICES

The Port Medical Officer is frequently asked for medical advice regarding injured or sick seamen aboard vessels making for the port. Details of these cases come to the shipping agents concerned, by radio telephone.

Foreign seamen are seen by the Port Medical Officer and either sent to hospital or the master of the vessel given instructions regarding suitable treatment. Seamen on local boats, who live in the district are referred to their own family doctors.

The Royal National Mission to Deep Sea Fishermen has a modern hostel for fishermen in the town, to which a local general practitioner is attached for any medical services that may be required.

WATER SUPPLY

Mains water is supplied throughout the docks, metered supplies are provided to every office and fish merchants stands. Additional supply points are provided for the watering of trawlers and for the cleansing of the fish market.

MARKET CLEANSING

The fish markets are hosed down daily using mains water and this work has been efficiently carried out all through the year by the employees of the Docks Board.



INSPECTIONS

1,288 inspections of trawlers were made during the year in connection with the sanitary conditions aboard ship, water supply, and the cleanliness of fish rooms.

The attention of the owners was drawn to the following matters:-

Unsatisfactory cleanliness of fish holds	84
Galleys and cabins in need of cleansing and painting	12
Water tanks in need of cleansing	33
W.C. pans requiring renewal	1
Dirty bedding	10
Food lockers requiring cleansing and painting	23

As in previous years the owners gave instructions for these conditions to be remedied immediately after notification.

FISH INSPECTION

All white fish landed was inspected daily before the commencement of the fish auction sales. The general quality of fish was excellent and there were very few occasions when condemnations of fish took place.

IMPORTED FOOD

Weekly importations of frozen meat and offal and canned meat products, from Denmark were regularly inspected at the dockside warehouse before being released to inland cold stores or depots.

Samples of imported frozen cooked shrimps were submitted for bacteriological examination. On satisfactory results being given by the laboratory, the consignments were released for commercial use.

Two consignments of imported flaked peanuts were held pending examination for Aflatoxin contents. One consignment was satisfactory and was released for commercial use. The other consignment, of two tons, was certified by the Public Analyst as unfit for human consumption and was seized, and condemned by a local magistrate. Upon suitable written assurances being received the consignment was released for inclusion in animal feeding stuffs. Many sealed containers of imported food stuffs were examined at local food factories and it was found necessary to condemn part of the contents of certain containers which were unfit for consumption.

RODENT CONTROL

226 inspections were made in connection with the issue of certificates under the Prevention of Damage by Pests (Application to Shipping) (Amendment No.2) Order, 1956.

FISH LANDINGS FOR THE YEAR

1,922 landings were made by Trawlers during the year. Three new vessels and one second hand vessel from Aberdeen joined the active fleet, four older vessels were sold and two vessels were scrapped. There were some transfer of vessels to fishing from oil-rig charter and vice versa during the year and also a return to fishing from vessels which had been refitting. The several changes referred to had the effect of increasing the power and efficiency of the fleet.

The quantities and value of fish landed during 1971 are as follows:-

	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>Value (£s.)</u>
Brill 257		3,567
Catfish 3,044		12,879
Cod 155,802		1,001,882
Conger Eels 8		61
Dabs 2,965		15,405
Dogfish 13,865		67,701
Gurnards 1,273		4,308
Haddock 25,686		138,285
Hake 171		1,838
Halibut 53		891
Lemon Soles 5,139		82,711
Ling 798		2,490
Mackerel (Trawl) 71		338
Monkfish 864		7,383
Plaice 362,661		2,928,591
Pollock 308		1,339
Roes 282		1,863
Saithe 2,496		8,680
Skates/Rays 6,577		29,142
Soles 2,530		108,628
Turbot 9,222		251,040
Whiting 1,968		6,299
Witches 486		2,595
All others 565		2,521
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VERMIN

Crew accommodation was disinfested for the following causes:-

Lice	5
Scabies	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Fleas	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

CONCLUSION

It is once again our pleasure to place on record our appreciation of the ready and willing co-operation which has at all times been accorded to the Public Health Department by the Docks Manager and his staff, the District Fisheries Officer, H.M. Customs and Excise Officers. and the various sections of the fishing industry.

SECTION I - STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held
Arthur C. Gee	Port Medical Officer of Health	1.1.49	M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.	Area Medical Officer of Health, E.S.C.C.
H. Cormack	Chief Port Health Inspector	6.9.52	Cert. S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.	Chief Public Health Inspector
F.G.S. Hill	Deputy Port Health Inspector	3.1.55	Cert. S.I.B.	Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector
		----- 00 -----		Address and telephone number of the Medical Officer of Health - Public Health Department, Clapham Road, Lowestoft Telephone No. - Lowestoft, 2171
Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected By the Medical Officer of Health	Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.
Foreign Ports	938	157,233	NIL	28
Coastwise	561	86,800	NIL	1
TOTAL	1499	244,033	NIL	29

TABLE B

SECTION II - Amount of Shipping Entering the District during the Year

Number Inspected
By the Medical Officer of Health

By the Port Health Inspector

Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage infectious disease on board.

Foreign Ports 938 157,233 NIL 28

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TABLE B. SECTION II.

BRITISH FISHING VESSELS - Number of Landings by British Fishing Vessels made in the Port during the year.

	Landings	Approx. Tonnage	Inspections
TRAWLERS:	1,922	31,228	1,228

TABLE C.

SECTION III - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

Passenger Traffic: Number of Passengers INWARDS - Nil

Number of Passengers OUTWARDS- Nil

Principal IMPORTS - Cereal, Vegetables, Timber, Oil Spirit, Roadstone, Canned Meats, Chilled Meats, Mineral Fibre, Fertiliser, Various Chemicals, Dairy Produce, Frozen Fish, Steel Tubes and Animal Feed.

Principal EXPORTS - Various Chemicals, Steel Tubes, Agricultural Machinery, Sheep, Cattle and Cereals.

Principal Ports from which Ships arrive: HOLLAND - Rotterdam, Amsterdam, Scheveningen

RUSSIA - Leningrad

SWEDEN - Gelfe, Norsundet, Hudiksval, Stutskar, Norrkoping,
Tunadal, Skogal

FINLAND - Mäntyluoto, Hamina, Päteniemi

POLAND - Gdańsk

BRAZIL - Itajia

CYPRUS - Limassol

BELGIUM - Antwerp, Ostend

DENMARK - Eszberg

GERMANY - Bremerhaven, Kiel, Hamburg, Biedenkopf

SECTION IV - TIRTAID BARGE TRAFFIC

Numbers and Tonnage using the district and places served by the traffic - Nil

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

1. Water supply by East Anglian Water Company throughout the Port Area. Fresh water hydrants are fitted in the fishing dock area and on the North Quay.
2. Tests are carried out at regular intervals by the East Anglian Water Company. All reports are satisfactory.
3. All hydrants for the supply of fresh water are boxed in and hosepipes and connections are cleansed and chlorinated before the filling of ships water tanks.
4. Nil.

Reports of tests for contamination for shipping:-

No. of ships involved	No. of samples taken	No. satisfactory	No. unsatisfactory	TOTAL
Distribution aboard ship	78	67	33	100

SECTION VI - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1971

1. List supplied to Port Medical Officer of Health and Chief and Deputy Chief Port Health Inspectors. Passed to Waterguard Office, when list is prepared and amended accordingly.
2. (a) Arrangements made with Coastguard to contact Humber Radio for outgoing messages.
(b) Incoming messages, Humber Radio contacts Medical Officer direct via Coastguard by telephone.
3. Notified to Medical Officer of Health by Waterguard immediately upon receipt.
4. Lowestoft Roads and Dolphin in inner harbour south of Richards Wharf.
5. (a) Arrangements made with Yarmouth Isolation Hospital.
(b) Surveillance and follow up of contacts carried out by Port Medical Officer of Health and Public Health Inspectors.
(c) Authority employs a cleansing man with vehicle for disinfection of ships, etc. Clothing and other articles steam disinfected by local authority. Persons can be cleansed at the Health Department Clinic.

SECTION VII - SMALLPOX

1. Cases may be sent either to Ipswich or Yarmouth Isolation Hospitals and also Norwich Hospital.
2. arrangements made by East Suffolk County Council ambulance service who are also responsible for vaccinal state of ambulance crews.
3. Dr. A.G. SMITH, 24 Unthank Road, Norwich. Dr. W.M. OLIVER, M.B.E., Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.
Dr. R.A. LEADER, Elm Street, Ipswich.
4. Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital, Bowthorpe Road, Norwich.

SECTION VIII - VENereal Disease

Clinics at the Lowestoft and North Suffolk Hospital. Beds provided for in-patient treatment.
Clinics open: TUESDAYS - 5.30 to 7.00 p.m.
WEDNESDAYS - 9.30 to 11.00 a.m.
Posters for Public Conveniences.

TABLE D SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.		NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival.		NIL	NIL	NIL
Cases landed from other ships		NIL	NIL	NIL
<u>SECTION X</u>	<u>OBSERVATIONS OF THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS</u>			
	No occurrence of this disease.			
<u>SECTION XI</u>	<u>MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE</u>			
	No occurrence of this disease.			

SECTION XII - MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

1. Ships inspected on arrival. Deratination Certificates checked.
2. No foreign ships found to be infested with rats. Specimens for examination would be sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Ipswich.
3. Not an approved Port.
4. No action taken.

TABLE E.

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Nil - Not an approved Port

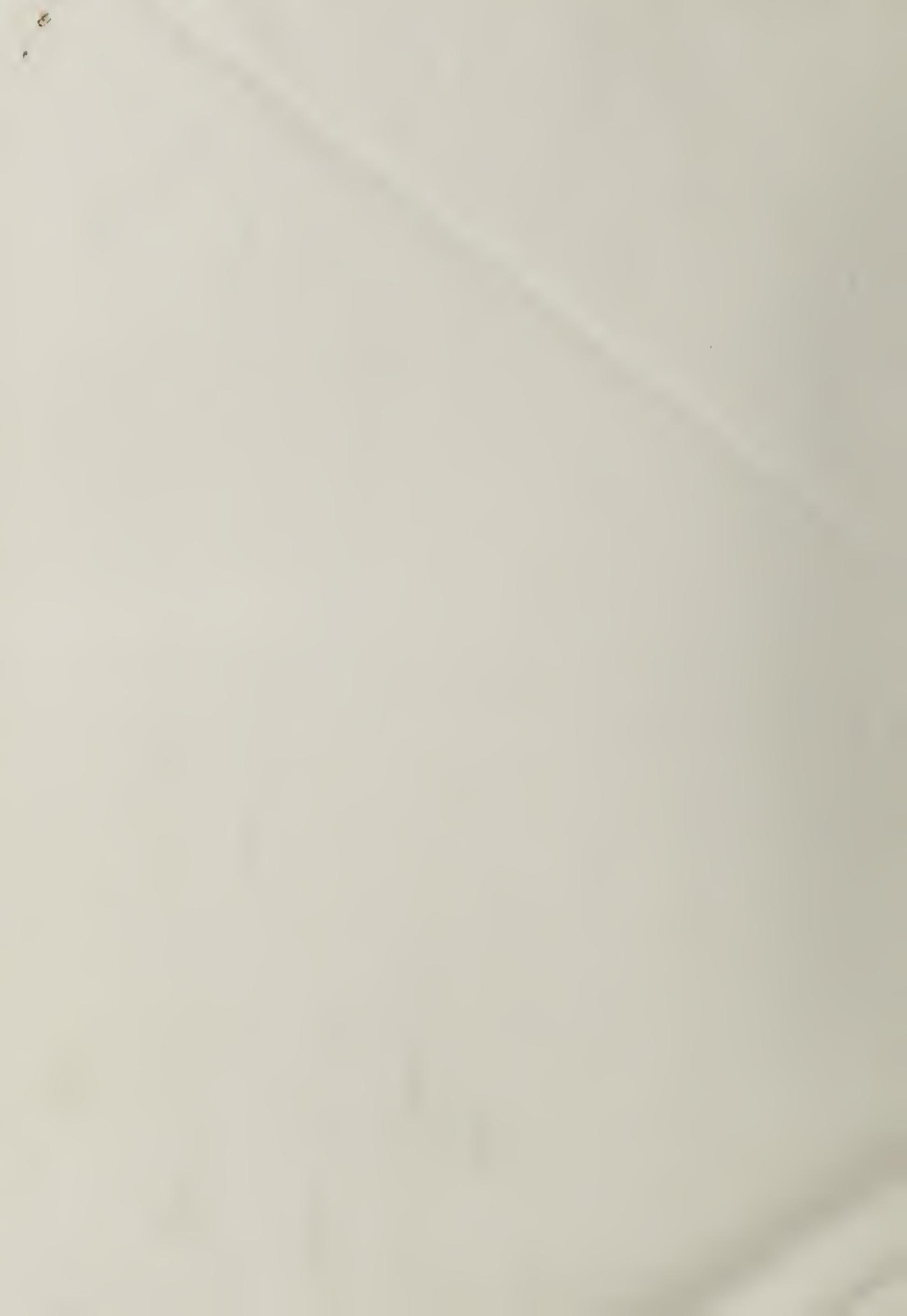
TABLE F.
DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES
ISSUED DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Nil - Not an approved Port.

SECTION XIII - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR INSURANCE

INSPECTION AND NOTICES

Number Inspected	Notices served		Result of Serving Notices
	Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Foreign Shipping	28	Nil	These concerned:- Deratination certificate out of date (1) Instructions given to renew deratination exemption certificates at an approved port. Untidy crew accommodation (1) This was cleaned up after notice had been given.
Coastwise Shipping	1	Nil	
British Fishing Vessels	1,288	Nil	These concerned:- Dirty galleys (12) Dirty bedding (10) Defective W.C.s (1) Water tanks needing cleansing (33) Food Lockers requiring cleansing and painting (23) All the notices were complied with.



SECTION XIV - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL FISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 and 1948

Nil

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS (APPLICABLE TO PORTS APPROVED FOR LANDING ALIENS)

Not an approved Port

SECTION XVI - MISCELLANEOUS (ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE BURIAL ON SHORE OF PERSONS WHO HAVE DIED ON BOARD FROM INFECTIOUS DISEASE).

No specific arrangements made but in such a contingency arrangements would be made for burial by a local undertaker under the direct supervision of the Port Medical Officer of Health.

